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FM AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

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INFO AMCONSUL LOURENCO MARQUES

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AMEMBASSY BLANTYRE

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SUBJ: RHODESIAN SANCTIONS: OFFSET TO MOZAMBIQUE

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1. NO OFFICIAL FIGURES AVAILABLE IN PRETORIA ON MOZAMBIQUE
EARNINGS FROM RHODESIAN TRANSIT TRAFFIC. HOWEVER, COMMONLY
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USED ESTIMATE FOR MOZAMBIQUE PORT AND RIAL EARNINGS APPEARING

IN PRESS IS ABOUT \$22.5 MILLION. FINANCIAL MAIL MAY 7 USED
THIS FIGURE AS DID SUNDAY TIMES OF APRIL 27, LATTER ALSO NOTING
85 PERCENT OF RHODESIAN FOREIGN TRADE PASSES THROUGH MOZAMBIQUE.

2. FROM PRIVATE SA ECONOMIST'S REPORT DATED JULY 31, 1974, BUT
ONLY RECENTLY RECEIVED, NET BALANCE PAYMENTS EARNINGS OF
MOZAMBIQUE IN 1972 FROM TRANSIT TRADE TO BOTH RHODESIA AND SOUTH
AFRICA AMOUNTED TO \$87 MILLION (FULL REPORT POUCHED LOURENCO
MARQUES AS PRETORIA'S A-59).

3. ON SWITCHING TO ALTERNATE ROUTE THROUGH SA FOR RHODESIAN
TRAFFIC, WE NOTE SA RAILWAYS ALREADY WORKING CLOSE TO CAPACITY
AS ARE SA PORTS SO AS PRACTICAL MATTER THERE IS NO SPARE
CAPACITY TO TAKE ON RHODESIAN TRAFFIC EVEN IF SAG WISHED TO DO
SOMETHING WHICH WE HAVE GOOD REASON TO DOUBT.
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